

our men and women in uniform are currently in harm's way in the region, as we all know very well. They are doing what they have always done: valiantly defending the people of the United States. But we want them to be able to complete their mission and come home as soon as possible.

That means that the Afghan people must build a stable, peaceful, democratic government that will neither threaten the U.S. nor allow a breeding ground for terrorism to once again take root. As difficult as that process is, the right seeds have been planted. I have seen former adversaries in war sit around a table in Kabul, discussing the path forward for the Afghan people. I have worked with legislators in Islamabad who are determined to root out all forms of terrorism until it is completely eradicated from Pakistani territory.

These democratic efforts are made possible by the work that our troops are doing. Our service members are working to create the security and political space for these efforts to be successful. This is a Herculean task that can seem impossible at times. But if our nation's history demonstrates anything, it is the power of liberty and democratic principles. And our soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen and guardsmen have been their guarantor for 221 years. Today we honor all who have served, all who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and all who are currently in harm's way. And we honor them with the recognition that the fruit of their sacrifice is evident not just here at home, but around the globe.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. NANCY PIRONE

#### HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 21, 2010*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Nancy Maria Grassano Pirone, an extraordinary resident of New Jersey's Ninth District, in celebration of her 90th birthday on June 21, 2010. Born in Matera, Italy, Mrs. Pirone immigrated to New York City with her family when she was only 11 months old. In 1941, she married her husband, Carmine, and 3 years later, their daughter Esther was born. In 1953, they moved to Leonia, NJ, where Mrs. Pirone has lived ever since.

From the beginning of their time in Leonia, Mrs. Pirone and her husband established themselves as active and devoted members of the community, becoming involved with the St. John's Altar Society, the Women's Club of Leonia, the American Legion, Leonia's annual Memorial Day Parade, and many other groups and events. Because Esther had Down syndrome, the Pirones were active volunteers with The Arc of Bergen and Passaic Counties. They helped organize The Arc's "Camp Rainbow," a special needs summer camp that was constructed at a time when only minimal services were provided for children like Esther.

Mrs. Pirone is also widely known in Leonia for her 28 years as a crossing guard, having served longer than any other crossing guard in the borough. She retired 2 years before her 30th anniversary to care for Carmine during

his battle with cancer. Mrs. Pirone has lived through the passing of both her husband and her daughter, Esther, a mere 3 years apart, yet she still remains a warm and positive influence on everyone she meets.

I am proud to have such a kind-hearted and generous individual as Nancy Maria Grassano Pirone as part of my constituency and I am grateful for her many years of service to the Borough of Leonia, New Jersey.

Madam Speaker, today I would like to wish Mrs. Nancy Pirone a happy 90th birthday and continued good health and happiness!

#### RECOGNIZING THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF DES PLAINES OFFICE EQUIPMENT

#### HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 21, 2010*

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 55th anniversary of Des Plaines Office Equipment, a leading distributor of document generation equipment in the Chicagoland area.

Under the leadership of its President, Chip Miceli, this company has excelled within the field of print management. It currently operates in three Illinois locations, with its headquarters in Elk Grove Village, a thriving town within my District.

Since 1955, Des Plaines Office Equipment has been committed to guaranteeing fast response times when assisting businesses. They have displayed superior technical service and are constantly exploring new technology. They are also active in a variety of civic organizations, such as the Chicago and Des Plaines Chambers of Commerce.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing this important landmark in our community as we celebrate the admirable legacy that Des Plaines Office Equipment continues to build for itself. I wish the people at Des Plaines Office Equipment much success for its next 55 years of service.

#### HONORING JOHN DELLORO

#### HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 21, 2010*

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an outstanding citizen and community advocate, John Delloro. Delloro was the National President of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA) and spent nearly twenty years of his life devoted to supporting and serving working people. He carried a powerful message with a powerful voice.

As a child, Delloro's mother was a nurse who had to work long hours. He took on additional responsibilities and cared for his brother as his mother worked night shifts every day. He knew firsthand the need for labor rights

and drew from his personal experiences to inspire others.

After graduating from the University of California, Los Angeles, with a Bachelors degree in Psychology and Masters in Asian American studies, Delloro began working with the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance. His first labor movement position was organizing hotel workers in Las Vegas, Nevada. From there, he went on to organize clerical and healthcare workers in Los Angeles. John showed that he was capable at not only be an effective organizer, but able to build important coalitions and partnerships.

In 2003, he was promoted to the Southwest Area Manager of SEIU 1000, the largest state workers union in the country at that time, with close to 100,000 members. In 2006, John was hired as the first executive director of the Dolores Huerta Labor Institute, which works to expand labor studies curriculum for over 130,000 students within the Los Angeles Community College District. Delloro believed that it was not enough to only help mobilize workers, but it was also important to teach students the importance of labor rights. Under his leadership, the program grew stronger and expanded to all nine campuses. John continued his role as an educator as an Asian American studies professor at UCLA. There, he motivated and mentored hundreds of students in the ways of advocacy and community organizing.

Delloro also authored *Breaking Ground, Breaking Silence*: a report from the first National Asian Pacific American Workers' Rights Hearing and was the 2009 recipient of Asian Pacific Americans for Progress Unsung Hero.

As National President of the APALA, Delloro was instrumental in helping to convene the first National Asian Pacific American Workers' Rights Hearing in Washington, DC. This hearing was important to help raise awareness among lawmakers and the public the critical needs of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) laborers.

As Chair of the Congressional Asian American Caucus, I know firsthand the important work that the APALA has done in the community. Delloro has helped APALA raise awareness on AAPI worker's rights issues at the congressional level and nationally by holding several workers' rights hearings. CAPAC and APALA's relationship will continue to strengthen and CAPAC's relationship continues to strengthen as both the caucus and organization moves forward has helped APALA and CAPAC build a stronger relationship.

John Delloro's dedication and commitment runs deep. He was a nationally recognized union leader, teacher, and mentor. His leadership was visionary and will continue to inspire many others to continue this cause.

Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow members to join me in remembering John Delloro. He touched the lives of many and paved the way for many others to rise up. His work toward equality through organizing is an inspiration to us all.